War Allowance.

36 *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether war allowance has been sanctioned to the Anchal Masters of non-departmental Anchal Offices ; and

(*b*) if so, the amount of such allowance and the number of such Anchal Offices ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : നാൺഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറൽ അഞ്ചൽമാസ്റ്ററന്മാർക്ക് അലവൻസു കൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണം എന്താണ് ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : The general rule for grant of such allowances is that those who may receive them should be full time employees of Government. Non-departmental anchal master do note come under that category.

Tapioca Control Order.

37 *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances which necessitated the passing of the recent Tapioca Control Order and the provisions for licences under that order ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Food Grains Purchase Officer*) : Numerous complaints were received by Government regarding the non-availability of tapioca in the local markets for purposes of consumption though production of the commodity had not diminished. One of the main reasons for this dearth was understood to be that leading merchants and industrial concerns were in the habit of buying raw tapioca at prohibitive rates and storing it in the form of dry chips with a view to profiteering. As a result, the commodity went out of the poor man's reach. In order to ensure its supply and to ease the present food crisis, Government were forced to take steps for controlling the article and for the introduction of licence system in tapioca business. As to the provisions for licences, the attention of the member is invited to the provisions of the Order, published in the Government Gazette dated 2-11-1943.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether, after the passing of the recent Tapioca Control Order, tapioca is available in the local market ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : Yes, Sir, to a large extent.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know whether tapioca is being sold at controlled rates at present ?

RAJYASEVAPRVAINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : Yes, Sir, at the modified prices.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Thiruvalla*) : May I know whether the Food Advisory Committee was consulted with regard to the change in the price of tapioca ?

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